



Newsletter

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Welcome by the President



Marco G. Patti
President ISS/SIC

World Congress of Surgery

Basel, Switzerland,
August 13–17, 2016

Dear fellow members, colleagues and friends,

The preparation for the 2017 World Congress of Surgery is proceeding quite well. As you can see in the Congress website, the ISS/SIC and all the participating societies have submitted an outstanding preliminary program which will guarantee the scientific success of the meeting. It will be a mix of named lectures, panels focused on specific topics depending on the organizing society, and movie sessions. All the presenters will be famous surgeons from around the world who will share their knowledge and experience. In addition,



The basilisk, symbol of Basel

December 2016

there will be postgraduate courses before the official start of the meeting. The ISS/SIC is proud to organize again the Career Advancement Course, a one-day course

that will cover the basics of a career in academic surgery, from the choice of a mentor to the grafting of a manuscript. The speakers are internationally known

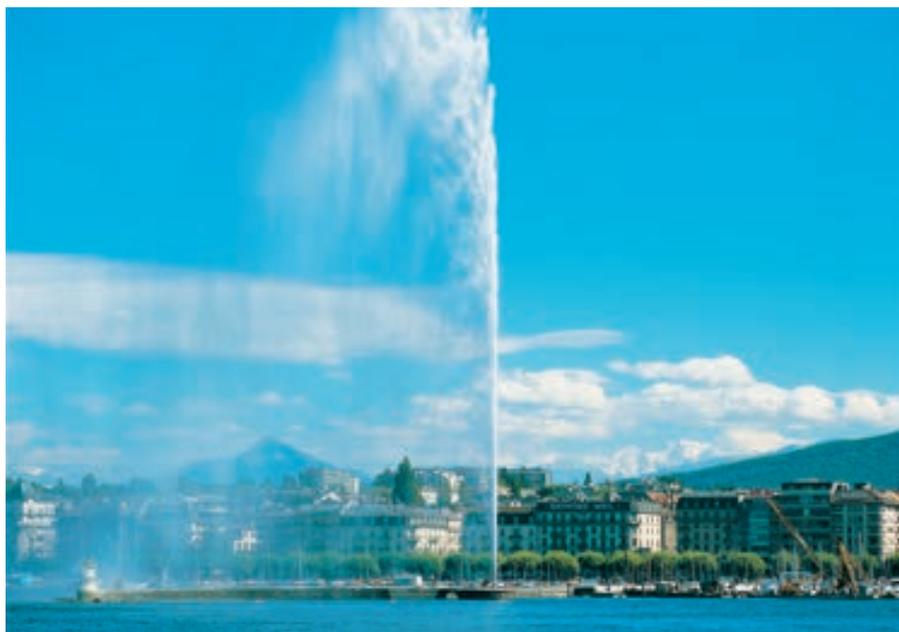
surgeons who have distinguished themselves in the field of education. Subsequently, the World Journal of Surgery under the leadership of the Editor in Chief, Professor John Hunter, will offer a course to teach the basics of scientific writing.

The Local Organizing Committee has been working hard to provide a perfect venue for the meeting, and to make it sure that the social portion of the congress is as successful as the scientific part. Basel is a wonderful location as it allows to spend time in Switzerland, Germany and France and, with a short trip, in Italy.

Overall we feel that everything is proceeding very well, and we count on your participation.

Regards,

Marco G. Patti
President
ISS/SIC



View of the Jet d'eau (water fountain) with the Mont Blanc massif in the background
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Report Secretary General



Kenneth D. Boffard
Secretary General
ISS/SIC

As you will see from President Marco Patti's welcome above, and the report from the Local Organising Committee, the ISS/SIC office team and the Basel Local Organising Committee have been working hard on the preparation for the World Congress, with both a stimulating and varied scientific programme, and social and networking arrangements to match. Despite the delayed start in organisation of the Basel meeting, due to the unfortunate need to move the venue from Buenos Aires, preparations have advanced rapidly, and I am glad to say they are ahead of schedule. **Remember, Closing date for**

abstracts is 18 January 2017. My profound thanks to all those who have supported the arrangements, and made them so quickly.

We hope to have the largest number of Travel Scholars ever, so please give them and our other projects as much support as you can. Anyone who is able to make a donation in this regard would be making a huge contribution to the cause of spreading the net of surgical excellence. See our web page (www.iss-sic.com) for details of how you can support the ISS Foundation.

Many members of the Executive Committee attended the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in Washington DC. This is probably the World's largest surgical Clinical Congress, and offers a multitude of opportunities for acquiring or exchanging surgical knowledge. As the world's focus increasingly shifts to the

arena of global surgery, your Society is playing an increasing role. We are looking at new opportunities for members, and new areas where we can contribute to Global Surgery.

We have forged an alliance with the International Association for Surgical Student Societies (www.iasss.org). The IASSS represents Student Surgical Societies, no matter how large or small, and you will meet their members in Basel. Please support them, as the sooner we can introduce students to the passion, art, and "fun" of surgery, the more committed future surgeons we will be able to involve and support. Be it as a mentor in your home country, or working with global research, we all have a role to play in attracting the next generation to our field!

Ken Boffard
Secretary General ISS/SIC

News from the Local Organizing Committee WCS 2017



Pierre-Alain Clavien
Co-President LOC
WCS 2017



Nicolas Demartines
Co-President LOC
WCS 2017



Victor Bertschi
Secretary LOC WCS
2017

On October 28th the Local Organizing Committee has last met in Basel together with representatives of our congress organizer MCI Geneva. Secretary Ken Bofard happened to participate at a near-by meeting and could arrange to join the LOC that evening. Generally it can be said that the preparations for WCS 2017 are well under way and on schedule. The scientific program of most of the Collective Member Societies and Partner Societies is set and a number of attractive practical courses have been set up by BSI, IATSIC, ISS/SIC, AAS/ISDS/WJS. For instance for oncological surgery or genetics of breast cancer, a Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC) course, a hands-on course in open and laparoscopic GI-surgery reserved for an estimated 40 selected international Travel Scholars, a scientific writing course etc.

Registration and abstract submission are now open on the website www.wcs2017.org. Be sure not to miss the Early Bird ending on January 31, 2017.

On our webpage you will also find a diverse selection of hotel accommodations often in walking distance from the congress venue within the city of Basel. Note that hotel accommodations are also available across the Swiss border in an attractive price range. Public transportation will bring you from there to the congress center in about 20min. The headquarter hotels of the Collective Member Societies are indicated on the webpage (www.wcs2017.org).

Participants who want to submit an abstract are now invited to do so until January 18, 2017.



Basel Main Railway Station

The traditional get together on Monday, the Basel Night, will welcome you at a wonderful very special place right on the Rhine river where the borders of the 3 countries, Switzerland, Germany and France meet. You can get there by taxiboats or tramway. You will find out what the people of the 4 language-areas of Switzerland are used to eat and to drink. Taste it!

And how do you get to Basel?

Travel by train

The City of Basel is ideally located in the heart of Europe and serves as a gate for many European Countries. Basel can be reached very efficiently by a short train ride (2 to 3 hours) from many large European Cities such as Paris, Frankfurt, Munich and many others. In case you plan to visit any other country before coming to Basel, you may book your train tickets from cities in all surrounding countries of

Switzerland as train services are very efficient.

Flights - European and long haul flights from overseas

For flight connections from many European cities Basel EuroAirport is heavily frequented by daily scheduled flights by StarAlliance Airlines (Lufthansa, Swiss, Austrian and Turkish), by Skyteam airlines (Air France and KLM) and One World (British). As there will be no direct long-haul flights from overseas into Basel, those from outside Europe will have to fly via one of the hubs of these airlines such as Frankfurt, Munich, Paris or London. The LOC strongly recommends to fly into Zurich Airport and get the train from there to Basel. The train ride from the train station in Zurich Airport will take only about one hour. This is often shorter than to reach the city center in many large cities where the airport is far out. Train tickets can be booked together with the regular

flight ticket by asking for the destination "Basel". At Basel Main Station SBB/CFF trains from Switzerland and France will arrive whereas those from Germany will stop at the "Badischer Bahnhof" (German Railway) which is closer to the convention center. Participants from many European cities may of course take advantage of the services provided by the low-cost airlines such as EasyJet, Ryanair and Wizz who all are operating daily scheduled flights. Upon arrival at Basel Airport, a shuttle bus will bring you to the City Center in a 20 minutes drive. Taxis are of course also available and will bring you directly to your hotel.

For more information, please check at <https://www.basel.com/en/Getting-there-exploring-the-City/Getting-there>

The LOC strongly recommends that you plan to arrive already in good time well before the congress since Basel offers a huge variety of attractions to see and



The City of Basel with the EuroAirport in the background.



The Glacier Express on the Landwasser viaduct near Filisur, Grisons (©Switzerland Tourism/Franziska Pfenniger)

places of interest. MCI and the LOC but also your travel agent will be happy to provide you with further details and bookings.

Have you made a note in your agenda mid August 2017 yet? Hurry up. Basel is waiting for you and you will not regret this journey to Switzerland. Try to combine a visit not only with this wonderful cultural city but also with other attractive parts of Switzerland or countries surrounding this place. There is so much to see and to learn. Perhaps you may take your family with you? You will be surprised!

Pierre-Alain Clavier & Nicolas Demartines
WCS 2017 LOC Co-presidents

Victor Bertschi
WCS 2017 LOC Secretary

Special Airfares for WCS 2017



Lufthansa German Airlines offers a comprehensive global route network linking major cities around the world. As an airline partner, Lufthansa offers special prices and conditions to Diplomatic passport holders and other documented employees of the Contracting Partner travelling on privately-funded journeys and their family members or travel companions.

To make a reservation, please visit www.lufthansa.com/event-booking_en and enter the access code **CHZZNPX** in the "Access to Your Special Lufthansa Offer" area. This will open an online booking platform that will automatically calculate the discount offered or provide you with an even better offer if another promotional fare is available.

NOTE: Pop-ups must be enabled otherwise the booking platform window will not open.



A hole in the roof of the Convention Center Basel

These promotional fares are also available through your IATA / ARC travel agent. Travel agents can obtain ticketing instructions by sending an email to lufthansa.mobility@dlh.de and providing the access code as a reference.

Link to the specific website: <http://www.wcs2017.org/travel-discounts.html>

Report Editor in Chief WJS



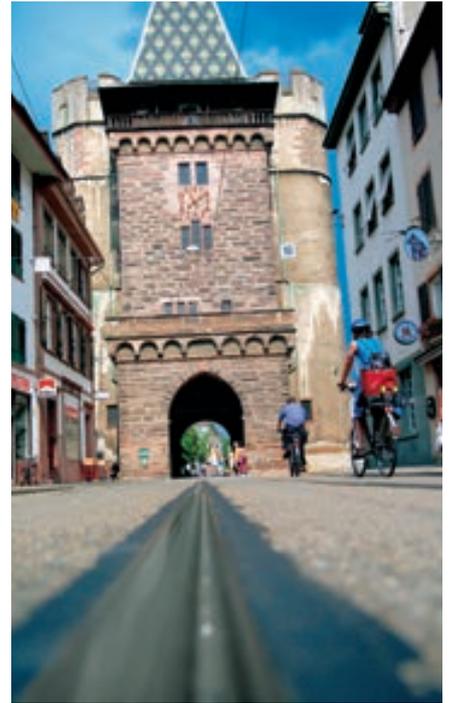
John G. Hunter
Editor in Chief WJS

It is the end of 2016, and the World Journal of Surgery is in the midst of its 40th year of publication. Over the forty year history of the journal there have been many remarkable articles, 19 world congresses, and five different editors. I have had the pleasure of editing the journal for the past 11 years, and have seen it grow from 400 submissions a year to now close to 2400 manuscripts processed each year, including revisions and re-submitted works.

The editorial board has grown from a handful of committed surgeons to nearly 100 editors and the associate editors now

number 12. Without the associate editors the volume of work would be unmanageable. Additionally, the journal has become both profitable for the society and highly ranked both in impact factor and Google H5 Index.

The newest aspect of the WJS is our increasing presence in social media. Through our publisher in New York City, we are tweeting several times a week about new articles that have been published online or in a print issue of the WJS. In addition, with Hasan Alam at the helm we have launched a Twitter Journal Club, in which a popular article of general interest is chosen for a brief but energetic 72-hour dialog in the “Twittersphere”. In our first journal club, in October we discussed an article on bullying in the operating room by a group from Australia. We received nearly 14,000 impressions (views on Twitter) in our first round of mentored electronic discussion. Our next journal club will appear in January. If you are a



The Spalentor, one of the ancient City Gates to Basel (©Basel Tourismus)



WJS Retreat, New York 2016

Twitter user, but have not signed up to follow the WJS our username is **@worldjsurg**.

The journal had a vigorous and enjoyable retreat of the associate editors this summer in New York City, at the Springer offices. As well, the entire editorial board met at the American College of Surgeons meeting in Washington DC, USA. At both meetings we considered all aspects of journal content, access, features, and metrics. We discussed innovative topics, including our social media presence, and our interest in creation of visual abstracts to promote new articles in social media.

Two surgery residents have stepped forward to take on this new task.

In closing, I'd like to offer my observations on a great man who recently passed away, Jay Grosfeld, a pediatric surgeon and long-time Chair of Surgery at Indiana University. Jay was the Secretary of the ISS Foundation for many, many years. In addition to raising funds for the foundation, Jay was the champion of our International Travel Scholars program, bringing 10-20 young surgeons from around the world to the World Congress of Surgery every other year. In addition, Dr. Grosfeld served as a senior statesman within the

ISS/SIC. He was called in to adjudicate difficulties, and to rub balm on open wounds. His guidance and inspiration at the executive committee meetings, and the constant attendance of his lovely and dedicated wife Marge will be indelibly etched upon my mind. Jay, we will miss you, but we will never forget you and your contributions of time, wit, and intellect to the World Journal of Surgery and the ISS/SIC.

John G. Hunter
Editor in Chief WJS

Report Secretary/Treasurer ISS-Foundation



*Michael G. Sarr
Secretary/Treasurer
ISS-Foundation*

Applications for the traveling scholarships are open and available on the ISS/SIC website www.iss-sic.com. The scholarships probably will not cover all the expenses but will cover the majority of the expenses and allow the traveler to attend all the sessions and meet many of the

presenters. We encourage applications. Please read the requirements for a traveler. Good luck.

Michael G. Sarr
Secretary/Treasurer ISS/SIC Foundation

Travel Scholarship WCS 2017

Full Information, Guidelines and Application Form at

<http://iss-sic.com/iss-foundation/travel-grants-issf.html>

Requirements: Submission of Abstract by 18 January 2017 at www.wcs2017.org

Application Deadline: 15 February 2017



View of Eiger (3970 m), Moench (4099 m) and Jungfrau (4158 m), Bernese Oberland. (©Switzerland Tourism - F. Villiger)

Report Administrative Office ISS/SIC



Mike Iliopoulos
Administrative
Director



Chris Storz
Scientific Director

Dear Members

With the relocation of the Administrative Office we have also developed a new Membership Data System for the convenience of the ISS/SIC membership. This will allow you to access and modify your data record directly and gives you also access to your payment records, dues invoice and Springer WJS account. The system is also linked to a secure online payment facility so that you may cover your dues safely and efficiently by credit card – it is as easy as booking a flight!

More details are available at <http://iss-sic.com/membership/my-iss-sic.html>

As already announced, the regular dues will from 2017 onwards only include the online subscription to World Journal of Surgery WJS and you will also have online access to 9 additional Springer journals. If you still wish to subscribe the printed paper version of WJS an additional fee of CHF 60.00 is charged. This move shall be a contribution of ISS/SIC towards the environment by reducing the paper masses.

Have you already checked the new ISS/SIC homepage www.iss-sic.com which is more informative than ever and offers user-friendly navigation. Above all, it properly displays on all common electronic devices such as Desktop, Tablet or Mobile Phone. We encourage you to follow us on **Twitter @iss_sic** and Facebook (**facebook.com/iss.sic**) to always receive our latest news.

In the recent past we are more and more confronted with scams when allegedly an officer (often the president) requests a member to transfer money, in most cases by Western Union. The criminals may even construct a credible story and refer to the correct phone numbers etc. Unfortunately, there is not much we can

do against such threat but warn you to always be alerted if you are asked to arrange any payment. It is recommended in such case to personally contact the alleged requestor by phone since his/her e-mail might have been hacked.



Denise Egger Braun

Last but not least we like to introduce to you our new administrative pearl, Denise Egger Braun, who will mainly be in charge of the ISS/SIC membership and social media. Denise has been much involved in the development of the new database and you may address her with any issue you might have in this respect at **membership@iss-sic.com** or **denise.egger@iss-sic.com**.

We wish you a perfect Holiday Season and all the best for the incoming 2017!

Mike Iliopoulos, Chris Storz,
Denise Egger Braun
Administrative Office ISS/SIC



Pharmaceutical Headquarter, the Roche Tower at night, Basel

Obituary

Jay L. Grosfeld, MD, 1935 – 2016 (ISS/SIC Honorary Member 2013)



Jay L. Grosfeld, May 30, 1935 - October 19, 2016

Lafayette F. Page Professor and Chairman Emeritus; Department of Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine; Indianapolis, Indiana

Born in New York City on May 30, 1935, Dr. Jay L. Grosfeld attended undergraduate school at the Washington Square College at New York University (NYU) where he received a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in History. He attended medical school at the New York University School of Medicine from 1957-1961. He trained in General Surgery at NYU and Bellevue Hospitals from 1961-1966. After serving two years as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps (1966-1968), he trained in Pediatric Surgery at the Nationwide Children's Hospital at Ohio State University from 1968 to 1970. He returned to NYU as Assistant Professor of Surgery in 1970. In 1972, Dr. Grosfeld was appointed Professor and Director of Pediatric Surgery at Indiana University and the first Surgeon-in-Chief of the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. He pioneered the development of pediatric surgery in the state and set the standard for the surgical care of infants and children. In 1985 he was appointed Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine, the first pediatric surgeon in the USA so honored. He developed excellent training programs and was a role model for his trainees. He served the University and the children of Indiana well for more than 40 years. In 2003, Dr. Grosfeld stepped down from the Chair of Surgery at Indiana University after serving 19 years in that capacity. His tenure was marked by developing new clinical programs and research facilities, the center for surgical technology, providing high quality clinical care and significantly growing the Department of Surgery from 22 to 70 faculty members.

Dr. Grosfeld was recognized as an outstanding clinician, master surgeon, inspiring teacher, talented administrator, innovative scientific investigator, surgical leader and a staunch advocate for children. He has won numerous teaching awards at I.U. including the prestigious President's Award. He was extremely productive and published 491 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, 135 book chapters and nine textbooks. Dr. Grosfeld is best known for his expertise in neonatal surgery, pediatric surgical oncology and surgical education.

He served as Secretary and Chairman of the Surgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics, President of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, President of the Halsted Society and was the only pediatric surgeon to serve as Chairman of the American Board of Surgery. He served as President of both the Central Surgical Association and the Western Surgical Association, President of the World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons (WOFAPS), President of the American Surgical Association, as a Governor and member of the Advisory Councils for both General Surgery and Pediatric Surgery and other Committees of the American College of Surgeons, later becoming First Vice-President, and also served as Council Member of the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons. He has been selected for Who's Who in America in 5 separate categories and America's Best Doctors.

He was awarded the Denis Browne Gold Medal by the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons in 1998 and was named Pediatric Surgeon of the Year at the University of Graz, Austria in 2000. In 2002, he received the William E. Ladd Medal from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the highest honor bestowed on a pediatric surgeon in America. In 2002 he also received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from the late Governor of Indiana Frank O' Bannon for his outstanding service to the State. Dr. Grosfeld was awarded the Fritz Rehbein Medal from the European Pediatric Surgical Association

in 2011. Dr. Grosfeld lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally and was elected an honorary member of 15 international surgical societies including an Honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of both England and Ireland, as well as the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. He was awarded the prestigious Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Clinical Science from New York University. Dr. Grosfeld served as Director of Pediatric Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief of Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis for 33 years and developed one of the top pediatric surgery training programs in the country. He was Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Pediatric Surgery, Seminars in Pediatric Surgery, and the renowned two-volume textbook Pediatric Surgery. He was Co-editor of Surgery of Childhood Tumors. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the APSA Foundation, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Society of Surgery Foundation and Vice-President of the American Surgical Association Foundation. Dr. Grosfeld was influential in the development of the WOFAPS Foundation and served as its first president.

Dr. Grosfeld's greatest legacy is his family. He was happily married to his devoted wife Margie for the past 54 years and together they have set a standard for a successful and close family life. Dr Grosfeld was the son of Louis and Pearl (Reizes) Grosfeld. He is survived by his wife Margie (Faulkner); his sister, Claire (Bernie) Zucker; his children, Alicia (Bruce) Thorne, Dalia (Jean-Philippe) Maheu, Janice (Martin) Kaefer, Jeffrey (Deborah) Grosfeld, and Mark Grosfeld; and 17 grandchildren.

He was buried in a private ceremony by his family in Crown Hill Cemetery. Information on a memorial service will be forthcoming.

Dr. Grosfeld will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege, pleasure and honor of knowing this kind, caring and loving man.

Submitted by Marco G. Patti, President ISS/SIC

Obituary

Frank Gordon Moody, MD, 1928–2016 (ISS/SIC Honorary Member 2003)

Frank G. Moody died 12 August 2016 while vacationing in Sweden.

Dr. Moody was born 3 May 1928 in Franklin, New Hampshire. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1946. Following 2 years spent as a paratrooper in the US Army, he matriculated to Dartmouth College in 1948. There, he was a member of the WY social fraternity and captain of the ski team. Following another 2 years in the Army, he attended Cornell University Medical College earning his M.D. in 1956. His surgical training was at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, under the direction of Dr. Frank Glenn. After completing his residency in 1963, he served as an advanced research fellow studying diseases of the stomach and biliary tract at the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, under the direction of Dr. J. Englebert Dunphy. In 1966, he became the Chief of the Division of Gastrointestinal Surgery in the Department of Surgery led by Dr. John Kirklin at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Dr. Moody rapidly rose through the ranks and became a Professor of Surgery at UAB in 1969. In 1971, at the age of 43, he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery of the University of Utah. Eleven years later, he was recruited to Houston, Texas as the Denton A. Cooley Professor and Chairman at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Although he stepped down from the Chair in 1994, he remained a Professor of Surgery at UT Houston until his death.

Dr. Moody's contributions to gastrointestinal surgery were enormous. His research was continuously funded by the NIH from 1967 to 2009 in areas including gastric acid secretion, gastric ulcerogenesis, biliary stasis in cholesterol lithogenesis, ileus in multiple organ failure, and glucotoxicity and cardiac dysfunction in obesity. He became a member of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract in 1966 and served as Treasurer (1972–1975) and President (1981–1982) of the organization before becoming a Trustee in 1985. An important contribution by Dr. Moody long since forgotten by most was that he, along with Dr. Robert Zeppa, represented the SSAT in 1974 at the newly formed Digestive Disease Week Council which ultimately led to the establishment of Digestive Disease Week as we know it today. Dr. Moody was honored in 1995 with the SSAT Founders' Medal and, in appreciation of his mentorship, former trainees endowed the "Maja and Frank G. Moody State of the Art Lecture" which is now delivered annually at the SSAT meeting.



Frank G. Moody, MD with Peter Ferguson, MD, who delivered the Moody Lecture at the 2015 meeting of the SSAT (Photo courtesy of John Hunter, MD)

This article was published jointly in World Journal of Surgery and Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery.

Dr. Moody served on the editorial boards of the journals Gastroenterology, Digestive Diseases and Sciences, Surgical Gastroenterology, Digestive Surgery, and Year Book of Digestive Disease. He edited or co-edited 26 books addressing gastrointestinal disease and surgery and authored or co-authored 100 book chapters. The vast majority of the 155 refereed and 43 invited articles of which he was an author and the 42 invited lectures which he delivered each addressed some aspect of surgical gastroenterology.

He was a member of more than 40 national and international surgical organizations. Among the organizations he served as President (in addition to the SSAT) were the American Pancreatic Association, the Collegium International Chirurgiae Digestivae United States Section, the International Biliary Association. Dr. Moody served on multiple NIH study sections. He was a Director of the American Board of Surgery 1972– 1978. He served on the Executive Committee of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Executive Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and on the Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education. Among the many honors that Dr. Moody received were the Distinguished Service Award of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, honorary membership to the International Society of Surgery/Société Internationale de Chirurgie, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of University Surgeons, the American Surgical Association Medallion for the Advancement of Surgical Care, the International College of Surgeons Master Surgeon Medallion, and the Houston Surgical Society Distinguished Houston Surgeon Award. He was both ΦBK and ΑΩΑ.

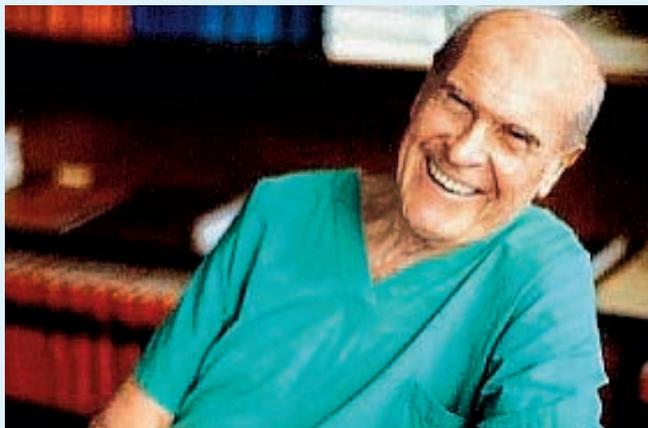
Dr. Moody was known for his intelligence, incisive questions, quick wit, charm, and warmth. He continued to attend national and international surgical meetings, regularly making erudite comments about the content of lectures, until just weeks before his death. Frank loved the mountains, particularly the Wasatch Front, and was a passionate skier and hiker. He will live on through the hundreds of surgeons whom he trained and/or mentored and who have gone on to make their own contributions to surgery. His fondness for and recollections of many of those individuals are described in his autobiography, Frank Reflections, which was published in 2013. Dr. Moody is survived by his three children, Anne, Frank, and Jane and by his loving companion Inger Arden.

Submitted by the following trainees and mentees of Dr. Moody:

Laurence Cheung, MD
John G. Hunter, MD
David W. Mercer, MD
John R. Potts, III, MD
Layton F. Rikkens, MD
Byers W. Shaw, Jr., MD
Nathaniel J. Soper, MD

Obituary

Umberto Veronesi, MD, 1925 – 2016 (ISS/SIC Honorary Member 2009)



The father of BSI, who served as the first president of our organisation during 1999-2001, passed away in his home in Milan on November 8, 2016.

A modern man of many talents

Umberto Veronesi (UV) was trained first as a pathologist and subsequently became a surgeon. In 2000-2001 he was appointed minister of health and was appointed senator between 2008-2011. He received numerous national and international rewards. Two often cited quotes from UV: "Breast cancer is a curable disease *una male curabile*" and "I love women too much to see their breast being removed".

Major contributions in the treatment of breast cancer

The ground breaking studies of breast conservation performed in a series of randomized trials in the seventies, the Milan trials, showed that breast conservation was equally safe in terms of survival as the radical mastectomy. UV often cited the moment he presented the project proposal in Geneva where he was severely questioned for the audacious idea of questioning the Halsted paradigm. He argued that cancer of <2 cm would be slowly growing and thus amendable for more conservative treatments. He further showed that the addition of radiotherapy was beneficial to the prognosis and decreased the risk of local recurrences. In support of these results the American surgeon Bernard Fisher performed similar studies within the NSABP trials. In some way the Milan trials and later the studies from his established European Institute of Oncology mirrored the NSABP trials, for example the sentinel node trials. The ELIOT randomized trial studies commenced in 2000 whereby a novel concept of administering radiotherapy in conjunction with the breast surgical procedure was proposed.

European School of Oncology

UV was a co-founder of the European School of Oncology in 1992 aiming at training cancer specialists around the world.

Achievements for breast cancer survivors

EUROPA DONNA a survivorship organisation was initiated by UV in 1993. It now counts 47 member countries

Public and political activities and achievements

UV was acknowledged publicly for his scientific achievements. During his one-year service as the Minister of Health he worked diligently for smoking cessation in public buildings, and the concentration and increased standard of Italian hospitals. He was in favour of oral contraceptives, prevention strategies like breast screening and HPV vaccination. UV was vegetarian and spoke publicly on diet and health. Later on he campaigned through the Veronesi Foundation on the legalization of cannabis for medicinal use and on legalizing euthanasia.

BSI and Umberto Veronesi

Since the start of BSI UV has taken interest in the developments of BSI. Through the Umberto Veronesi Foundation BSI received generous support and proudly gives the Umberto Veronesi named lecture at its Surgical Congress meetings.

Kerstin Sandelin
Past president of BSI

News from IAES



Dimitrios Linos
President IAES



Janice L. Pasioka
Secretary/Treasurer
IAES

Hard to believe that 2016 will be ending soon as we anticipate welcoming in the year 2017 around the world. For many of us December brings celebrations with family, presents under the tree, snow covering the ground (and shoveling the driveway) or perhaps a warm day on a sunny beach. It also brings us closer to the deadline for abstract submission to the IAES 2017 meeting. Online abstract submissions are now available at www.wcs2017.org.

This year's meeting in Basel, Switzerland is shaping up to be one of our best. Along with the 40 free paper podium presentations and numerous posters on display, the IAES program has several exciting

sessions not to be missed. Several of the **IAES Meeting highlights** are as follows;

There will be a video session chaired by **Dr James Lee** highlighting surgical techniques for trainees and seasoned surgeons alike. We are excited to announce that the two state-of-the-art lectures will be given by **Dr. Nancy Perrier** on MEN 1 Syndrome and **Dr. CY Lo** tackling the use or abuse of clinical practice guidelines. Our Peter Heimann lecture given by **Dr. George Choruses** on Cushing's syndrome should be a highlight for the entire ISS delegation. In addition to our Presidential Address by **Dr. Dimitrios Linos**, we have put together two panel sessions to help stimulate conversation and ideas from the membership. The first, moderated by **Dr Clive Grant**, is on the Milestones of an Endocrine Surgeon - The Art of Transitioning featuring **Drs. E Mitmaker, M Sywak, B Wangberg and R Udelsman**. The panelists will discuss the key milestones from trainee all the way through retirement and beyond. The second panel moderated by **Dr Jerry Doherty**, will hopefully provoke a lot of discussion and talk about the future of Endocrine surgical societies world-wide. The panelists will include **Drs. A Sitges, B Hamberger, R Parkyn, K Lorenz and P Angelos**. We hope to utilize this roundtable discussion to help the Executive and Council of the IAES focus the needs and establish our future goals in the years to come.

As always, the highlight of the IAES meeting is our annual banquet held on Tuesday August 15th. With the help of our local arrangement chair **Dr. Daniel Oertli**, we have chosen the venue of an evening dinner cruise aboard the **MS Christoph Merian**. This boat will take us down the Rhine River as we socialize and have dinner with colleagues, old friends and make new friends in the IAES. Our official hotel is the Swissôtel Le Plaza Basel. Be sure to register and book your hotel room early as space may be limited.

The deadline for the IAES abstracts is January 18, 2017. All abstracts are to be submitted through the WCS 2015 website. All abstracts accepted for the podium free paper presentations of the IAES require submission of a full manuscript to the World Journal of Surgery. These manuscripts will undergo peer-review prior to the meeting to help the authors present their best work. Although a podium presentation does not guarantee a publication, thanks to the hard work of the IAES WJS associate editors **Dr. Julie Ann Sosa and Dr. Janice Pasioka** and the numerous reviewers, many of the paper presented at the IAES are published in the WJS. Deadlines for manuscripts and reviews are published in our recent newsletter. We are always looking for reviewers – if interested let Julie Ann or Janice know.

The **INTEREST (International Endocrine Surgical Teams)** program continued to expand its educational programs this past year. INTEREST is an IAES project and as such is open to ALL members. This year in Malaysia, in combination with Breast Surgeons International, the IAES was admirably represented by **Dr. Mark Sywak and Dr. Ming Yew**. The program was a great success and appreciated by the Malaysian surgeons in attendance. In October, **President Dimitrios Linos** joined **Dr. Rob Parkyn** on an inaugural trip to Mwanza in Tanzania. The program revolved around thyroid surgery and surgical ultrasonography with immense appreciation by the local surgeons and a request for ongoing participation in the following years. A return trip is planned for in 2017 and expressions of interest



MS Christoph Merian



Shopping in Basel, a great experience... (©Basel Tourismus)

are sought from IAES members to join the program. In January, a further project will commence in Hue, Vietnam with the hope that this will become a perpetual program. The program is, however, not without some risks including exposure to significant infections as well as personal safety. The program is extremely rewarding and anyone interested should contact the chairman of INTEREST, Dr. Rob Parkyn at parkyn@chariot.net.au.

In keeping with the IAES's educational objectives, this year's **IAES 15th Post-Graduate Course** was held in Chengdu, China. The intense three-day course was well received and has forged new friends and members to the IAES. The teaching faculty were graciously treated by their host to a wonderful experience of Szechwan food, panda bears and awesome mountain views following the three-day course. Both of these experiences have forged new friends and relationships with Endocrine surgeons throughout the world. This has led the council to consider the development of a new category for mem-

bership in the IAES to include our fellow surgeons in remote countries and young trainees. The council will be proposing changes in the By-Laws to include new membership categories for the membership to consider and vote upon at our annual meeting in Basel. A draft proposal will be circulated for consideration in the spring. Stay tuned... Although we have had a few retirements from the IAES, our membership continues to grow with the addition of 26 new members since our last meeting.

Friends, former fellows and family gathered to celebrate the life of **Dr. Norman Thompson** on July 16, 2016. Thanks to generosity of the family and the organizational skills of **Dr. Paul Gauger**, the weekend in Ann Arbor, Michigan was a wonderful tribute to our former president and friend NWT.

Dr. Orlo Clark was recently honoured by the American College of Surgeons in Washington, DC this October with a moving video tribute to this 'Icon in Surgery'

produced by Dr. Wen Shen. The video was a fitting tribute to a 'giant' (literally and figuratively) in Endocrine Surgery...

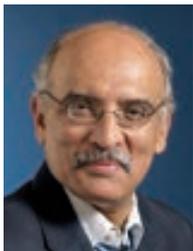
The IAES Council and Executive continues to work on ways of improving our society and meeting the needs of Endocrine Surgeons world-wide. Thanks to **Dr. Greg Randolph**, we have been given a panel session to discuss the 'IAES advantage' at the upcoming World Congress on Thyroid Cancer held in July 2017 in Boston. We reach out to all our members for ideas and suggestions in making our society a productive and worthwhile organization. Let us know your thoughts and ideas by contacting the Secretary-Treasurer office at IAES_JP@icloud.com.

On behalf of President Linos and the IAES Executive, we look forward to seeing all our members this summer in Basel...

Dimitrios A. Linos, President IAES

Janice L. Pasioka, Secretary/Treasurer IAES

News from IATSIC



*Manjul Joshipura
President IATSIC*

Season's greetings!

The scientific programme for WCS 2017 has been given final touches by the IATSIC executive team and will provide state of the art updates in trauma care. With the recent change in IATSIC's bylaws, inviting all trauma-engaged physicians as members, we will provide increased focus on the team approach so vital for successful care of the severely injured.

This adjusted focus is reflected in the list of speakers and the topics chosen. An effort to increase the involvement of low and middle income countries in IATSIC's agenda would also be visible as the programme seeks to strengthen this initiative, and the fact that the congress takes place in the wealthier part of an ever more sub-specializing Europe, makes emphasis on global outreach and education even more important.

We look forward to your participation and join us right from the initial session, exploring some of the most challenging clinical situations you can be faced with, and similar sessions will follow throughout the congress. We will provide the latest updates in trauma resuscitation and trauma induced coagulopathy. Some of the most controversial critical care topics

are on the agenda, including abdominal compartment syndrome and its early and late challenges. To challenge you, we are preparing cases for you to solve in early morning and late afternoon sessions. As a special treat, we have challenged some of the most experienced trauma surgeons from around the world to describe their visions for the future. Like previous ISS/SIC congresses, IATSIC will also offer joint sessions in cooperation with societies like APIMSF, ASAP and ISBI, covering a broad range of exciting topics.

We invite all IATSIC members, and especially DSTC instructors, to a Sunday afternoon DSTC workshop, where we can share experiences and discuss how to better run DSTC courses, with a special focus on optimal performance in the practical sessions.



Castle of Bottmingen where the IATSIC and ASAP combined dinners will take place

Finally, maintaining our team approach also for the social program, ASAP and IATSIC are pleased to invite you to a joint society dinner on Tuesday evening in an amazing venue. Please note that IATSIC has booked rooms at two charming sister boutique hotels – the Krafft and the Nomad. You can join the IATSIC family there - you will find the link at the congress website, and please use the code IATSIC when making your reservation!

I would like to wish all of you and your families a wonderful Christmas and fun filled festive season.

Best wishes,

Manjul Joshipura
President IATSIC



Basel Cathedral

News from IASMEN



Dileep N. Lobo
President IASMEN

The International Association for Surgical Nutrition is saddened to inform members of the International Society of Surgery of the sudden demise of our friend, colleague and Past-President, Professor Kenneth Christopher Howard Fearon on 3 September 2016 at the age of 56. The worlds of surgery, nutrition, metabolism and enhanced recovery have lost one of the best academic leaders of our generation at a time when he was most productive.

Ken Fearon was born on 3 August 1960 and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. He at-

tended St. Aloysius' College, Glasgow and graduated with Honours in Medicine at the University of Glasgow in 1982. He was an exceptional student and was awarded the Brunton Memorial Prize during the MBChB course. He developed an interest in Surgical Oncology whilst training at Glasgow and Edinburgh under the tutelage of luminaries like Sir Kenneth Calman and Sir David Carter. He was awarded the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree by the University of Glasgow in 1986 for his thesis entitled "Mechanisms and Treatment of Cancer Cachexia". He obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 1988 and was awarded *ad eundem* Fellowships of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England in 1996 and 1997 respectively. Ken was appointed to the post of Lecturer in Surgery at Edinburgh University in 1988 and was subsequently promoted to Senior Lectur-

er in 1993 and Professor of Surgical Oncology in 1999. He also held the post of Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh from 1993.

Besides being a busy clinician, Ken was also an innovative surgical researcher and a much-loved undergraduate and post-graduate teacher. His clinical research focused on cancer cachexia, nutritional pharmacology, enhanced recovery after surgery, clinical trials and improving surgical outcomes. He had supervised numerous MD and PhD theses and had over 300 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including the New England Journal Medicine, Nature and Lancet Oncology. He had an H-index of 73, with 97 publications having been cited more than 100 times. In the truest sense, Ken was a physician who could operate extremely well. He remained loyal to his clinical work and his patients. He had an extraordinary

talent for surgical research, with a brilliant mind that was always recognising clinical problems, formulating hypotheses and seeking solutions. He had the capacity to ask the right questions and also the stamina and stubbornness to answer them, often through large complicated clinical trials.

During his distinguished career, Ken was the recipient of numerous honours. He was awarded the Cuthbertson Medal by the Nutrition Society in 1991 and was a recipient of the James IV Association of Surgeons Traveller's award in 1997. He was elected as member of the James IV Association of Surgeons in 2000 and was President of the International Association for Surgical Nutrition and Metabolism from 2005 to 2007 and presided over the meeting in Montreal in 2007. He had served as examiner for the Intercollegiate Specialty Board in General Surgery and was a Chair of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Research Board. He was a board member of the Society on Sarcopenia, Cachexia and Wasting Disorders and received the Hippocrates Award from the Society in 2009. He was honoured by the European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism with the Wretling Lecture in 2011 and was also awarded an honorary doctorate by Örebro University in Sweden in 2015. Together with Olle Ljungqvist he initiated the Enhanced Recovery

After Surgery (ERAS) Study group in 2001 and, with a larger group of colleagues, the ERAS Society in 2010. As the Chairman of the Board of the ERAS Society, Ken was instrumental in formulating guidelines for Enhanced Recovery After Surgery and achieved great success in collaboration with many other members of the Society in spreading the message worldwide and improving outcomes of patients, exemplified by reduced complications and shorter hospital stays.

Ken was a brilliant speaker and a superb debater, very didactic but with a wry sense of humour. Besides the eponymous lectures he was honoured with, he had lectured on all six continents and held his audience with engagement and directness.

We, his colleagues and friends, knew Ken as a man with impeccable integrity, lots of wit and humour, and one who was always there for his friends. Above all, Ken was a family man and his greatest treasures were his wife Marie Fallon and their two children, Christopher and Katie. Marie is the St. Columba's Hospice Chair of Palliative Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and an Honorary Consultant in Palliative Care at the Western General. Together they had a thriving personal and professional partnership. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Ken was also a keen golfer and was proud of his handicap. He was an avid art collector and could enthral his friends and acquaintances with animated discussions on art, music, cooking and wine. Despite his achievements, Ken remained down to earth and his humility was remarkable.

It is with great sadness that we face the loss of a very close friend, a great mind and an outstanding clinical and academic leader. We are among the many who will miss not only his camaraderie, collaboration and friendship, but also all the laughs and the joy of his company.

Thank you, Ken, for all that you gave us. We will always treasure your memory.

Dileep N. Lobo
President IASMEN



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News from BSI



Cheng Har Yip
President BSI

BSI Travel Award 2017

BSI is pleased to announce that it will be offering eight travel scholarships for young surgeons from low and middle income countries ([http://data.worldbank.org/income-level/low-and-middle income](http://data.worldbank.org/income-level/low-and-middle-income)).

The criteria for the award is that the candidate has to be aged 40 years and below on 13 August 2017. The candidate has to have an abstract submitted either as an oral or poster presentation at the World Congress of Surgery 2017. Successful candidates are encouraged to submit a full paper of their abstract to the World Journal of Surgery. Members of BSI will be given priority, although membership is not a requirement. The successful candidate will be given Euro 1'000.00 and free entry to one of the preconference workshops on 13 August 2017, as well as the BSI Dinner on 15 August 2017. The registration fee is not included in the award.

Interested candidates please apply to the Secretary of BSI, Dr Owen Ung, at owenung@bigpond.com by the deadline 18 January 2017.

Notification of the award to the applicant will be given by 31 March 2017.

BSI Prizes 2017

As in previous years, BSI will award USD 1'000.00 for the best oral presentation and USD 500.00 for the runner up, and USD 1'000.00 for the best poster presentation and USD 500.00 for the runner up.

Abstract submission has opened the first half of November 2016 and will close on 18 January 2017.

BSI Workshops

BSI took part in the South East Asia Breast Cancer Symposium in Hue, Vietnam on 24-26 June 2016. Together with IAES, BSI was involved in the 4th Breast and Endocrine Surgery Course on 25-27 August 2016 in Kota Baru, Malaysia. The BSI Oncoplastic Breast Surgery Course was held on 25 September 2016 in Hong Kong. The reports of these 3 highly successful meetings are available on the website <http://www.bsisurgery.org>



Augusta Raurica, a Roman site close to Basel (@Roemerstadt Augusta Raurica)

BSI has also taken part in Breastanbul, a breast cancer meeting held in Istanbul on 10-12 November 2016.

I would like to encourage all BSI members to encourage their colleagues, especially the junior surgeons, to submit abstracts for the World Congress of Surgery in Basel in 2017. While the travel awards are limited to young surgeons from low and middle income countries, the BSI prizes for the best oral and poster presentations are not limited by age or country.

With best wishes,

Cheng Har Yip
President BSI



Breast and Endocrine Surgery Course, Kota Baru, Malaysia

News from ISDS



*Alberto R. Ferreres
President ISDS*

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the International Society for Digestive Surgery and its Executive Committee, we are looking forward to the next 47th WCS (World Congress of Surgery), which will take place in the city of Basel, Switzerland between August 13 and 17, 2017.

Basel is conveniently located where the Swiss, French and German borders, overlying the Rhine and extending into the German Baden-Wurttemberg and French Alsace areas. It is Switzerland's third most populated city and has emerged as a center for the chemical and pharmaceutical industry in the last century.

The ISDS Executive Committee together with its Program Committee and the Local

Organizing Committee headed by Profs. P.-A. Clavien and N. Demartines, have put together a scientific program approaching all fields of the digestive tract surgery and will congregate experts from all over the world.

Our goal is to improve the educational experience of attending the Congress with a special focus on young attendees. Also the WCS fees were a concern and proof of it are the reduced fees for Latin American countries.

As usual two important highlights of the WCS are the ISDS and the SSAT (Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract) Presidential Addresses. Also is worth mentioning two special sessions to award the Grassi and the Kitajima Prizes, honoring Profs Giuseppe Grassi and Masaki Kitajima. Profs Alberto Montori and Hiroyuki Konno will briefly highlight the figures of both individuals, who were so influential in our Society.

The ISDS Executive Committee, together with the Local Organizing Committee are working very hard to provide an attractive and appealing social program, in order to



Idyllic Strasbourg, France

provide opportunities for networking and interchange among gastrointestinal surgeons from worldwide.

I am looking forward to meet you in Basel during the 47th World Congress of Surgery during August 13-17, 2017. Save these dates in your schedule and visit **www.wcs2017.org** for additional information, regarding abstract and poster submissions as well as housing and further details.

Alberto R. Ferreres
President ISDS

News from ASAP



*Stephen W. Bickler
President ASAP*

The Alliance for Surgery and Anesthesia Presence (ASAP) has been busy planning our 2016 annual meeting which was held in partnership with the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and the Surgical Society of Kenya (SSK), December 7-9th, in Mombasa, Kenya. The theme of the COSECSA meeting has been cancer care in Africa. Parallel sessions focussed on

the surgical workforce crisis in sub-Saharan Africa, safe surgery initiatives, financing surgery and anesthesia in settings of limited resource, and research opportunities in global surgery. ASAP envisions this meeting as an important opportunity to develop long-term collaborations with COSECSA and other surgical societies in Africa. For those of you who were unable to attend the Mombasa meeting we look forward to seeing you at the 2017 World Surgical Congress in Basel, Switzerland.

Stephen W. Bickler
President ASAP

Additional information on the Mombasa meeting can be found on the COSECSA

website: <http://www.cosecsa.org/news-events/cosecsa-agm-graduation-ceremony-scientific-conference-2016>

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